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TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

AND

NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2004, applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) about the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for a second month to April 5, 2004, thereby maintaining copendency to file an RCE. Applicant previously petitioned for a one month extension of time and paid the one month extension of time fee on March 5, 2004. Therefore, applicant hereby submits that the additional fee (\$155.00) for

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the second month extension of time (\$210.00-\$55.00) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required.

The \$155.00 fee for the extension of time and the \$385.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) for filing the RCE are authorized to be paid as stated in the accompanying RCE Transmittal Letter.

If any other fees are required to maintain this application in pending status for the purpose of filing the RCE, the USPTO is authorized to charge these amounts to our Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket No. 0090/004001.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 1, 2004

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